GOVERNMENT OF AHDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES - Sri A.R.M. Sudhekara Reddy, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, QC Sub Division, Kadapa – Water Resources Department - Neeru-Chettu Random verification of works that were already verified by the teams constituted by the District Collectors in erstwhile Kadapa district - “Construction of check dam across Polamma vagu near Puttayaplli S.C colony (V) in Badvel (M) of YSR District, Kadapa "(Vigilance Report-05, Work No.6) - Departmental Proceedings under Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charges - Issued.

WATER RESOURCES (Vig.II.(V&E)) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.137 Dated:01.03.2024

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri A.R.M. Sudhekara Reddy, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, QC Sub Division, Kadapa in accordance with the procedure laid down under Rule 20 of the A.P Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 for the alleged charges specified herein.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of articles of charges is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III & IV).

3. Sri A.R.M. Sudhekara Reddy, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, QC Sub Division, Kadapa is directed to submit his written statement of defence within (10) days from the date of receipt of this order and also state whether he desires to be heard in person.

4. Sri A.R.M. Sudhekara Reddy, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, QC Sub Division, Kadapa is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charge which are not specifically admitted herein. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge. He is further informed that adequate opportunity for perusal of records will be made available during the course of inquiry.

5. Sri A.R.M. Sudhekara Reddy, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, QC Sub Division, Kadapa is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the stipulated time, or does not appear in person before the disciplinary authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of said Rules, the inquiring authority may hold inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Attention of Sri A.R.M. Sudhekara Reddy, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, QC Sub Division, Kadapa is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Govt. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri A.R.M. Sudhekara Reddy, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, QC Sub Division, Kadapa is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this order should be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri A.R.M. Sudhekara Reddy, the then Assistant Executive Engineer, QC Sub Division, Kadapa **through** the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resource Department, Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada with a request to submit the dated acknowledgement of the individual to the Government without any delay.

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Annexure - 1

Draft Article of charge framed against Sri. A.R.M. Sudhekara Reddy, the then Assistant Executive Engineer QC Sub Division, Kadapa :-

Sri A.R.M. Sudhekara Reddy, Assistant Executive Engineer has committed dereliction of duties amounting to misconduct in violation of Rules 3(1) & 3(2) of AP Civil Services Conduct Rules, 1964 for lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and for behaving in a manner unbecoming of a government employee and for non-taking all possible steps to ensure the integrity and devotion to duty of Government servants for the time being under his control and authority.

Article of Charge :- That the said Sri A.R.M. Sudhekara Reddy while functioning as Assistant Executive Engineer in the aforesaid office has recommended the work for issuance of Quality Control Certificate despite inferior quality of cement concrete work without recommending any recovery thereby causing loss to the Government Exchequer in the work “Construction of Check dam across Polamma Vagu near Puttayapalli S.C. Colony(v) in Badvel(M) of Y.S.R. District, Kadapa ". Thus, he has committed dereliction of duties amounting to misconduct.

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Annexure-II

Draft statement of Imputation in support of charges framed against Sri. A.R.M. Sudhekara Reddy, the then Assistant Executive Engineer QC Sub Division, Kadapa :-

1. The V&E Department officials verified the work “Construction of check dam across Polamma vagu near Puttayaplli S.C colony (V) in Badvel (M) of YSR District, Kadapa " along with the field officers who were associated with the execution of work.

The details of observations of the work by the V&E were as follows:

Name of Work	Construction of check dam across Polamma vagu near Puttayaplli S.C colony (V) in Badvel (M) of YSR District, Kadapa.
Village/ Mandal	Puttayapalli village of Badvel Manbdal.
Administrative sanction	Proceedings No. SE/IC/KDP/TS/M-79/535GL, Dt: 10.11.2018 of the District Collector, YSR District, Kadapa vide Sl.No. 25/62 for Rs. 9.96 lakhs. (copy of administrative sanction proceeding is enclosed Annexure-41)
Grant	Neeru-Chettu
Technical Sanction	D.R. No. 81/2018-19, Dt: 31.12.2018 of the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, Kadapa for Rs. 9.96 Lakhs (Copy of technical sanction is enclosed as Annexure-42)
Name of contractor	Sri B. Mallikarjuna Reddy, S/o B. Narasimha Reddy, Puttayapalli (V) Badvel (M).
Agreement No & Value	Agreement No. 82/2018-19 Dt: 31.12.2018 of the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division, for Rs. 8,62,102/- (copy of agreement is enclosed as Annexure-43)
Executed department	Water Resources Department
Scope of work	Construction of new check dam
Status of work	Completed
Value of work done with reference to M.Book	Rs. 8,61,648/- vide page No. 30 of M.Book No. 13 NA
Status of payment	LS 1st and part bill was paid for Rs. 6,32,829/- vide page No. 33 of M. Book No. 13 NA. (copy is enclosed as Annexure -44)
Department Quality Control Certificate and recovery details if any	The Water Resources Department quality control team inspected he work and issued QC certificate vide No. 790/2018-19 dt: 17.03.2019 with without any adverse remarks. (copy of QC certificate is enclosed as Annexure-45).
V & E Observation:	
Date of inspection	06.12.2022
Details of	Measurements were recorded in M.Book No. 13 NA

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<tr><td>recording</td><td>Measurements were check measured by DEE and EE</td></tr>
<tr><td>% of work done (Financial)</td><td>99.95%</td></tr>
<tr><td>Verification of physical measurement</td><td>The physical measurements were found to have tallied with the measurements recorded in M.Book. (copy of field observation sheet is enclosed as Annexure- 46)</td></tr>
<tr><td>Name of the quality testing agency</td><td>M/s Arihant testing & research center LLP, NABL accredited laboratory, Guntur.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Quality test conducted</td><td>Cement concrete cores were extracted from the harden concrete of Body wall and they were tested for its compressive strength.</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>As per clause 17.4.3 of IS 456:2000 (copy of extract of IS code is enclosed as Annexure-8), concrete in the member represented by a core test shall be considered acceptable if the average equivalent cube strength of the cores is equal to at least 85 percent of the cube strength of the grade of concrete specified for the corresponding age and no individual core has a strength less than 75 percent.
Hence, for M10 grade of concrete, the equivalent individual core strength shall be 7.50 N/mm^2 and the required average compressive strength is 8.50 N/mm^2.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Test results of CC cores of M10 grade</td><td>
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<tr><th>Core ID</th><th>Core location</th><th>Grade of concrete</th><th>Required strength in N/mm^2</th><th>Attained strength in N/mm^2</th><th>Remarks</th></tr>
<tr><td>C-4</td><td>Ch@1.40m from L/s wing wall and 0.70m from the top of body wall</td><td>M10</td><td>7.50 (75%)</td><td>6.24</td><td>Failed</td></tr>
<tr><td>C-5</td><td>Ch@6.90m from L/s wing wall and 0.90m from the top of body wall</td><td>M10</td><td>7.50 (75%)</td><td>7.67</td><td>Satisfactory</td></tr>
<tr><td>C-6</td><td>Ch. @ 15.00m from L/s wing wall and 0.80m from the top of the body wall</td><td>M10</td><td>7.50 (75%)</td><td>9.28</td><td>Satisfactory</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="3">Avg. Equivalent cube compressive strength (N/mm^2)</td><td>8.50 (85%)</td><td>7.73</td><td>Failed</td></tr>
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<tr><td></td><td>As verified from the above test results, the average equivalent compressive strength was found to have not satisfied the strength requirements of the specified grade of concrete of M10 as per IS</td></tr>
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	456:2000 (copy of test results is enclosed as Annexure-47). Hence, the body wall was found to be liable for rejection. Value of rejection: Rs. 1,06,718/- (copy of recovery statement is enclosed as Annexure-10)
Recoveries due to shortfall in other aspects	Nil
Total recovery amount proposed	Rs. 1,06,718/- (This amount is to be recovered from the agency)

V&E Findings:

The body wall was found to be liable for rejection and it should be re-laid at the cost and risk of the agency or an amount of Rs. 1,06,718/- is to be recovered from the agency towards cost of the rejected component of the work.

2. Sri A.R.M. Sudhekara Reddy while functioning as Assistant Executive Engineer in the aforesaid office has recommended the work for issuance of Quality Control Certificate despite inferior quality of cement concrete work without recommending any recovery thereby causing loss to the Government Exchequer in the work “Construction of check dam across Polamma vagu near Puttayaplli S.C colony (V) in Badvel (M) of YSR District, Kadapa ".
3. Thus, the said officer has failed to perform his duties with diligence in time which amounts to dereliction of duties leading to misconduct in violation of Rules 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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Annexure-III

List of Documents by which the Article of charges framed against Sri. A.R.M. Sudhekara Reddy, the then Assistant Executive Engineer QC Sub Division, Kadapa :-

Vigilance Report No. 05(C.No.4916/ V&E/Engg/2019-4)/KDP Dt:30.01.2023. along with enclosures.

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Annexure-IV

List of Witnesses by whom the Article of charges framed against Sri. A.R.M. Sudhekara Reddy, the then Assistant Executive Engineer QC Sub Division, Kadapa :-

Vigilance & Enforcement officials who verified the work.

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